

Minutes  
IChemE in New Zealand  
Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 24 May 2018

Time: 18.30 – 18:57 NZ ST  
Venue: Canterbury University

Minutes

**Chair:** Ken Morison

**Attendees:** Peter Slane, Peter Gostomski, Brent Young, Tim Dobbie, Becky Macdonald, Greg Ellis, Brian Earl, Clive Davies, Lisa Mace, Jamie Rovers, Josh Thorpe, Brendon Miller, Daniel Holland, Toby Martin, Jon Tweed.

**Apologies:** Merv Jones, Miles Kennedy, David Platts, Jonas Hoffmann-Vocke, Janis Swan, Greig Wilson, Jenny Culliford, Louise Blackler

**Welcome**

**1 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 16 May 2017 were accepted as a true and fair representation with the following exceptions, *Clive Davies was added to attendees, Greg Ellis spelling corrected.*

**2 Chair report** Ken Morison presented the following Chairman's report

**Annual Chair's Report, 2018**

IChemE in NZ is functioning well as an independent branch of IChemE. I think it is worth noting that we are sufficiently self contained that our activities are unaffected by events in the UK with changes in governance, challenges to the IChemE Board or volatility of membership numbers. Our NZ operations is overseen by the NZ board which meets monthly by phone.

Our year started with the NZ AGM held on 16 May 2017 in conjunction with a new post-graduate seminar/competition and the Kennedy-Wunsch lecture. The postgraduate seminar was modelled on something similar in Australia and saw four postgraduates from Auckland, Waikato, Massey and Canterbury talk about their research. We have repeated this today. The Kennedy-Wunsch lecture was presented by John Abrahamson who conveyed his enthusiasm for particles in his talk "*Joining up the dots - unlocking key behaviours of particles in nature and industry*". We are looking forward to this evenings Kennedy-Wunsch to be presented by Tim Dobbie.

The regions have seen a range of meetings including a number of joint meetings, e.g., with Appita and with Engineering NZ (Waikato/BOP) and IMechE, Institute of Engineering and Technology and Engineers without Borders (Wellington). There have been social events, get chartered evenings and a safety evening. There are opportunities for many more events, but this depends on the energy of local branches and members.

We had a number of process safety courses run in NZ over the past year. These are run from the Australian office and continue to gain strong interest.

IChemE in NZ continues to support an undergraduate prize in each of the four universities and a postgraduate prize based on the presentations we have just seen. It was pleasing to note that a team of final year students from Canterbury entered a video about water use into a competition run by the IChemE Water Special Interest Group.

In 2017 IChemE carried out an accreditation of the University of Canterbury degree, though this does not involve IChemE in NZ directly.

A lot of effort is going into the Chemeca 2018 conference to be held in Queenstown in October. Becky Macdonald in the conference chair while I am the technical program chair. We have about 235 abstracts submitted for presentation orally or as posters. We have sponsorship of about \$36,000 so far.

IChemE's new president Ken Rivers will be here for the conference and we hope that he will be able to visit a number of branches while in NZ.

Our finances are healthy and have been well looked after by Greig Wilson.

David Platts and David Pearce have been contributing to an international discussion of Biofutures which is looking at how IChemE can better support biological aspects of chemical engineering education and industry.

Our membership is currently just over 600 members which is relatively stable.

Thanks to Brent Young, Jonas Hoffman-Vocke, Tony Mackereth and Marc Ramos who are stepping down as regional representatives for Auckland, Waikato, Lower North Island and the Board respectively.

Special thanks to Catherine Muldoon (Membership and Marketing Executive NZ) and who acts as our board secretary and to Peter Slane and the Australian office of IChemE. These people are the ones who really keep the show running.

Ken Morison  
FIChemE  
Chair, IChemE in New Zealand

*Proposed Chairs report accepted: Ken Morison Seconded: Becky Macdonald carried*

### **3 Financials**

The 2017 Financial accounts were presented to the members.

Staff cost were up due to April Greenhalgh and Natalie Graser working on Chemeca which is being held in NZ this year.

Increase in publication costs due to being charged incremental costs for *the chemical engineer* magazine.

IChemE in NZ now paying our way.

*Proposed accounts be accepted: Ken Morison Seconded: Greg Ellis carried*

#### **4 Elections to the 2017-2018 board**

The chair (2017/2019) - Ken Morison  
Deputy chair - Becky Macdonald  
Hon Treasurer - Greig Wilson

Board members - Jenny Culliford, Peter Gostomski, David Pearce

#### **Regional group representatives:**

Northland - Lauren Landers  
Auckland - Irina Boiarkina  
Waikato/ Bay of Plenty - Grace Waters  
Taranaki - Mike Hopper  
Lower North Island - Not filled  
Upper South Island - Not filled  
Lower South Island - John McAndrew

Youth Representative - Louise Blackler

Nominations were accepted, all in favour, *carried*

#### **5 AOB**

Please come to Chemeca in Queenstown in September/October this year.

Brent Young, Jonas Hoffmann-Vocke, Marc Ramos and Tony Mackereth thank you for your service to the board.

#### **6 Close 18:57**